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Soviet strategy in Poland includes:

(a) Breaking up Polish national unity by fomenting class-hatreds.

(b) Fomenting national feeling, especially in the Recovered Territories and on the eastern borders to eliminate nationalistic elements on both sides -- ie Poles vs Germans and Poles vs Ukrainians. This is also the cause for the transfer of populations.

(c) Putting young and thoroughly indoctrinated individuals in key-spots in the Government administration. As new cadres of young Communists become available, older employees are being purged. The latter include officers, Government employees, police, and their families, all of whom the WKP-b considers decided enemies of communism and the USSR. This element is to be deported in the event of conflict.

(d) Energetic liquidation of nationalism and especially anti-Semitism, which is considered one of the main obstacles to a firm establishment of communism.

(e) Very careful policy toward the church and clergy. The WKP-b believes war against the church would antagonize the greater part of the working people. When the PPR has raised the younger generation, the church's influence will decrease rapidly; and when severe economic sanctions, such as taxation of churches and monasteries, become law, and the clergy's income diminishes, the church problem will have been solved very quietly.

(f) The USSR and its satellite PPR will emphasize the Polish right to full independence. Since Poles are very sensitive on this subject, outward signs of interference must be avoided.

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